

SKIP the SCREEN!

Read through History



Enjoy these book recommendations from the North Carolina History Museums. Many of these books may be found in the Museum Shops or at your local library!

Picture Books

Around Our Way On Neighbors' Day written by Tameka Fryer Brown and illustrated by Charlotte Riley-Webb. Abrams, 2010.

Brown Baby Lullaby written by Tameka Fryer Brown and illustrated by A. G. Ford. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2020.

Chicora and the Little People: The Legend of the Indian Corn, a Lumbee Tale written by Arvis Boughman (Lumbee) and illustrated by Delora Cummings. Aeon Publishing Inc., 2011.

Exploring Biltmore Estate from A to Z written by Chris Kinsley. The History Press, 2015. Recommended by Mountain Gateway Museum.

My N.C. from A to Z written by Michelle Lanier and illustrated by Dare Coulter. UNC Press, 2020.

The Sheltering Cedar written and illustrated by Anne Marshall Runyon. Portal Press, 2007.

Sing a Song: How Lift Every Voice and Sing Inspired Generations written by Kelly Starling Lyons and illustrated by Keith Mallet. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2019.

Tiara's Hat Parade written by Kelly Starling Lyons and illustrated by Nicole Tadgell. Albert Whitman & Company, 2020.

We Are Grateful/Otsaliheliga written by Traci Sorell (Cherokee Nation) and illustrated by Frane Lessac. Charlesbridge, 2018.

When I Was Young in the Mountains written by Cynthia Rylant and illustrated by Diane Goode. Puffin Books, 1993.



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Early Readers

Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-ins by Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue. Puffin Books, 2007.

North Carolina: What's So Great About This State? by Kate Boehm Jerome. Arcadia Publishing, 2011.

Rachel Carson and Her Book That Changed the World by Laurie Lawlor. Holiday House, 2014. Recommended by the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin Alexander Ramsey and Gwen Strauss and illustrated by Floyd Cooper. Carolrhoda Books, 2010.

T is for Tar Heel: A North Carolina Alphabet by Carol Crane and illustrated by Gary Palmer. Sleeping Bear Press, 2003.

Taffy of Torpedo Junction by Nell Wise Wechter and illustrated by Mary Walker Sparks. UNC Press, 1996 (first published in 1957; recently reprinted). Recommended by the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum.

We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know by Traci Sorell (Cherokee Nation) and illustrated by Frane Lessac. Charlesbridge, 2021.

Whoz Ya People? by Dr. Brittany Danielle Hunt (Lumbee) and illustrated by Bea Brayboy (Lumbee). Independent, 2020.

Chapter Books and Anthologies

Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee Creek). Heartdrum, 2021.

Crow by Barbara Wright. Yearling, 2013.

Dovey Coe by Frances O'Roark Dowell. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2001. Recommended by Mountain Gateway Museum.

The Legend of Buddy Bush by Sheila P. Moses. Margaret K. McElderry Books (reprint edition), 2019.



Chapter Books and Anthologies, continued

Long-Ago Stories of the Eastern Cherokee by Lloyd Arneach (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians). The History Press, 2008.

A Pirate's Life for She: Swashbuckling Women Through the Ages by Laura Sook Duncombe. Chicago Review Press, 2019. Recommended by the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

The Serafina Series by Robert Beatty. Disney-Hyperion, 2015–2020. Recommended by Mountain Gateway Museum.

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky and Tristan Strong Destroys the World by Kwame Mbalia. Rick Riordan Presents, Hyperion, 2019 and 2020.

Twisted Games: A Pameroy Mystery in North Carolina by Brenda Felber. Laughing Deer Press, 2018. Recommended by Mountain Gateway Museum.

We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices edited by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson. Crown/Just Us Books, 2019.

Young Adult and Resource Books

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse by Mary Ellen Riddle and Douglas Stover. Arcadia Publishing, 2021. Recommended by the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum.

Carteret County, North Carolina by Mary Paul and Grayden Paul. History & Folklore Paperback, 2008. Recommended by the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

Desolate Place for a Defiant People: The Archaeology of Maroons, Indigenous Americans, and Enslaved Laborers in the Great Dismal Swamp by Daniel O. Sayers. University of Florida Press, 2014. Recommended by Museum of the Albemarle.

Even As We Breathe by Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle (Eastern Band of Cherokee). University Press of Kentucky, 2020.

The Foxfire Book of Appalachian Toys and Games edited by Linda Garland Page and Hilton Smith. UNC Press, 1993.



Young Adult and Resource Books, continued

Hearts Unbroken by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee Creek). Published by Candlewick Press, 2018.

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People by Debbie Reese (Nambé Owingeh) and Jean Mendoza. Adapted from the adult book by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Beacon Press, 2019.

The Lost Colony and Hatteras Island by Scott Dawson. The History Press, 2020. Recommended by Museum of the Albemarle and the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum.

Nell Cropsey and Jim Wilcox: The Chill of Destiny by William E. Dunstan. Independent, 2017. Recommended by Museum of the Albemarle.

Shipwrecks of the Outer Banks, An Illustrated Guide by Kevin Duffus. Looking Glass Productions, 2007. Recommended by the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum.

The Story of the Plott Hound: Strike & Stay by Bob Plott. The History Press, 2007.

Tales from the North Carolina Tar Heels Locker Room: A Collection of the Greatest UNC Basketball Stories Ever Told by Ken Rappoport. Sports Publishing, 2018.

Talkin' Tar Heel: How Our Voices Tell the Story of North Carolina by Walt Wolfram. UNC Press, 2016.

